

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Serbia
<b>Program Title:</b>	Community Development and Local Governance
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	169-0210
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$31,950,000 AEEB
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$22,755,000 AEEB
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2001
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2007

**Summary:** The USAID Civil Society and Local Governance Program in Serbia consists of the Community Revitalization through Democratic Action - Economic (CRDA-E) program to revitalize local democracy through strong citizen participation and the Serbian Local Government Reform Program (SLGRP) to strengthen the capacity of local governments to provide services in a transparent, participatory manner. In FY 2005 and FY 2006, the CRDA-E program will place an increased emphasis on initiating activities that will promote local economic growth and job creation. FY 2006 will be the final year of funding for the CRDA program. During this year, the program's activities will be entirely focused on the following four program components.

### **Inputs, Outputs, Activities:**

**FY 2005 Program:** Improve Private Sector Growth (\$18,200,000 AEEB). In FY 2005, the CRDA-E program will emphasize promotion of local economic growth and job creation, including access to credit for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), marketing and exporting for SMEs, competitiveness of the tourism industry, community development centers, regional development agencies, micro-grants to vulnerable people to establish micro-enterprises, and the establishment and expansion of the Junior Achievement program to secondary schools around Serbia. During FY 2005, the CRDA-E program will also increase focus on agricultural training and technical assistance as well as seek to link agricultural cooperatives and producer associations to commodity buyers, facilitate their access to credit, and develop niche markets. Where feasible, the CRDA-E program will undertake collaborative efforts with the USDA. The CRDA-E program will finance joint public-private partnerships aimed at stimulating local economic growth, with support to activities such as business improvement districts, community development associations, business incubators, and tourism marketing. Grantees and contractors: 1) America's Development Foundation (prime), the University of Delaware's FLAG International (sub), and the International Executive Service Corps (sub); 2) Mercy Corps International (prime), Deloitte, Touche, Tomatsu (sub); 3) International Relief and Development, Inc. (prime), the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) (sub), Camp, Dresser, McKee International (sub); 4) ACDI/VOCA (prime), Overseas Strategic Consulting, Ltd (sub); and 5) CHF International (prime).

Expand and Improve Access to Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$10,053,000 AEEB). The CRDA-E program will continue to co-finance infrastructure projects, such as electrical systems, farm-to-market roads, and communications systems. A limited number of environmental projects will also be funded, such as Earth Day community clean-up campaigns and Green School educational programs. Other anticipated projects will improve and expand community potable water systems and solid waste management. Reproductive Health/Family Planning projects will focus on education, prevention, and promotion, with activities targeting youth at risk, medical professionals, media representatives, and women. Contractors/grantees: same as above.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$997,000 AEEB). Planned FY 2005 funding for SLGRP will fully fund this program, which will initiate financial management training in the municipalities of the Metropolitan Belgrade Area and commence work on establishing citizen assistance centers to streamline processing and issuance of permits,

licenses, and similar public documents. On-going training and technical assistance activities in financial management, public procurement, information technology, citizen participation, and communal enterprise management will also be completed in the 70 municipalities outside of Belgrade. Policy reform will continue to support the Serbian local government association to assist it in becoming an effective advocate on local government issues with the Serbian government. Contractors/grantees: Development Alternatives, Inc. (prime) and PADCO (sub), assisted by a number of partners including the Open Society Institute, IGE Consulting Limited, the Center for Community Organizing, the Vitosha Research and Center for the Study of Democracy, Rutgers University, and Strategic Marketing and Media Research Institute.

**Strengthen Civil Society (\$2,700,000 AEEB).** The CRDA-E program will have reached its final expansion in FY 2005. It is estimated that the program will initiate 500 projects, of which approximately 25% will be focused on activities to strengthen civil society, involving youth and socially vulnerable groups, including refugees, internally displaced persons, and the physically challenged.

**FY 2006 Program:** Improve Private Sector Growth (\$9,801,000 AEEB). The major thrust of the CRDA-E program will be to support job creation and the growth of the private sector. Activities will be similar to those of FY 2005. The implementers will remain the same.

**Expand and Improve Access to Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$6,370,000 AEEB).** CRDA-E economic infrastructure projects to support the development of local economies will continue to receive co-funding.

**Increase agricultural Productivity (\$5,484,000 AEEB).** Agricultural cooperatives and producer associations will continue to receive training and technical assistance. Efforts will be maintained to link these groups to commodity buyers and to facilitate access to credit. The implementers will remain the same.

**Promote Public-Private Alliances as a Principal Business Model (\$1,100,000 AEEB).** The CRDA-E will continue to support joint public-private partnerships aimed at stimulating local economic growth.

**Performance and Results:** To date, the CRDA program has been active in 505 communities throughout the country, covering a population of approximately four million people. Of the more than 3,500 community projects initiated, over 2,500 have been completed. During FY 2004, the program initiated 1,284 projects, of which 281 (22%) have been completed. More than half of the 1,284 projects undertaken were for income-generating activities or economic infrastructure. CRDA program partners awarded over 300 micro-enterprise grants and almost 80 small business grants. Approximately 650 loans, totaling over \$11.5 million, were also disbursed to cooperatives and small and micro-enterprises. Economic development activities in FY 2004 generated 14,780 full-time equivalent jobs, \$13 million in additional income, and \$5.3 million in increased agricultural sales. In the health sector, the CRDA program expended \$2.9 million in FY 2004. The reproductive health earmark was used to fund 65 projects throughout Serbia that benefited 629,000 people, 87% of whom were women. SLGRP is active in 84 municipalities throughout Serbia, covering more than 80% of the total population. Training sessions attended by more than 20,000 participants have improved the local management capacities, and transparent and accountable budgeting and financing systems have been or are presently being established in 70 municipalities. A total of 65 participating towns have held public budget hearings for the first time. Public-private partnerships to create Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) have been established in four municipalities. In the first of these BIDs, business volume has increased 17% for restaurants and cafes and 10% for retail shops. Employment within the BID zone has increased by 10% as commercial enterprises prosper. Citizen assistance centers and/or one stop permitting centers have been set up in 13 municipalities and will be undertaken in 6-10 additional municipalities. SLGRP has also helped the Serbian local government association to become financially sustainable. As of the end of FY 2004, SLGRP had leveraged \$3.7 million from other

donor agencies, \$0.2 million from international non-governmental organizations, and \$1.7 million from participating municipalities, for a total to date of \$5.6 million.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Serbia

169-0210 Community Development and Local Governance	<b>AEEB</b>	<b>ESF</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	170,750	218
Expenditures	134,503	218
Unliquidated	36,247	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	49,560	0
Expenditures	47,933	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	220,310	218
Expenditures	182,436	218
Unliquidated	37,874	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	31,950	0
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	31,950	0
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	22,755	0
Future Obligations	22,755	0
Est. Total Cost	297,770	218

